NATO enlargement will proceed and, as I have stated on many occasions, will not be subject to a Russian veto. At the same time, however, we are working to develop a strong NATO-Russian relationship. Our hope is that increased Russian engagement with the Alliance will help the Russians to realize that enlargement will enhance overall security in Europe and poses no threat to Moscow. Thank you for your interest.

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